

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Prayer helps us turn from sin.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that prayer helps us resist temptation and accept God's gift of salvation.

KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 6:13 & 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Warnings from Israel's History

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

The Israelites give us an example of people who were tempted to sin against God and gave into that temptation. Jesus' prayer closes with the reminder that we have hope in the fact that God always provides a way out of temptation, ultimately by giving eternal life to those who put their faith in Him.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Save us from sin, and give us salvation.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

"This is how you should pray. Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from sinning when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

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"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Have the kids recite the verse aloud together. Then have them recite the Lord's Prayer.

SMALL GROUP:

See who can recite the new verse from memory. Then see who can also recite the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SKIT

DELIVER ME!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Sleeping bags and pajamas

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Lily and Alice - Two friends having a sleepover

Alice and Lily are lying asleep in their sleeping bags – finally! Then Lily sits up.

LILY: Hey, Alice, I've got a question for you.

ALICE: Can it wait 'til morning?

LILY: No it can't! It's about our prayer.

ALICE: Come on, Lily, it seems like we've been praying forever.

LILY: It's about the last part of the prayer. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

ALICE: Yeah?

LILY: What's temptation?

ALICE: It's when we get the urge to sin. You know, to do things we know are wrong.

LILY: Boy, I hate to admit it, but that happens a lot. Sometimes I do things I know I shouldn't, and I just can't stop myself.

ALICE: We all struggle with that, Lily. That's why we pray about it.

LILY: But will I ever really be free of temptation? Can Jesus really deliver me from evil?

ALICE: As long as we're here in a world of sin, we will struggle with temptation. But as for delivering us from evil...

SKIT

LILY: Yes?

ALICE: Jesus already did that.

LILY: He did? How?

ALICE: Jesus died to save us from sin. He was the only man who never sinned, and when He died...

LILY: That's how He paid our debt! He died so that we could have life!

ALICE: You're absolutely right!

LILY: So how do I know Jesus has forgiven my debt?

ALICE: You ask Him, and He does it.

LILY: But how? Wait, let me guess. Another prayer?

ALICE: Yes, Lily, another prayer. You give your heart to Jesus, and you ask Him to forgive you. Then Jesus sends His Holy Spirit to live with you so you can turn from temptation and live for Him.

LILY: And the more I pray, the closer this Holy Spirit and I become, and the less I fall into temptation!

ALICE: Bingo!

LILY: Wow. This prayer thing is so amazing. How come more people don't do it?

ALICE: I don't know, Lily. But I try not to go a day without praying.

LILY: I want to be like you, Alice. And I want to be like Jesus!

ALICE: Then let's pray one more prayer and invite Jesus into your life.

LILY: Are you sure? I mean, you're right. It does feel like we've been praying about six weeks.

ALICE: One more won't hurt. Are you ready, Lily?

LILY: I am so ready for this!

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A brochure or a photo from an Escape Room

If you or one of your leaders has been to an Escape Room, have them bring in their photo showing whether they escaped or failed to escape. If not, bring in a brochure.

If you've ever been to an escape room, you know how fun - and stressful – they can be. Escape Rooms have become as popular for vacationers as haunted houses and laser tag. Every escape room, whether it's horror movie themed, spy themed, or whatever - is like a giant puzzle. There's only one way out of the room, and there are clues hidden everywhere that will lead you step by step to find the escape route. If you work together and do it quickly, you can make your escape and win the game!

In the real world, we have become trapped by sin. We are all born into sin, and there's nothing we can do to escape the punishment for sin on our own. Thankfully for us, God made a way. His Son Jesus paid the price for our sins when He died on the cross. There's only one escape from sin, one way to eternal life, and that's through Jesus.

When we pray "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil," we remind ourselves that we have turned away from sin. We recommit ourselves to following Jesus instead. Let's ask Jesus to lead us away from sin, and if you've never given your heart to Jesus, let today be the day you make your escape and start your journey to eternal life!

LARGE GROUP GAME

PRAYER CHAIN

ITEMS NEEDED:

Five music stands

Five posters

INSTRUCTIONS:

Write the five parts of the Lord's Prayer as covered in this series on a separate poster.

Set up five music stands on stage. Choose one player and give them the posters. The player will have 30 (or 45) seconds to put the posters on the stands, in order. The kids in the crowd should be encouraged to help them and shout out where all the parts go. If they can complete the task in the time allotted, the whole room wins!

VARIATION:

This can also be a race between two players, with the room divided in half and each half supporting one of the players.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Prayer helps us to get our life in order so we can follow Jesus and avoid temptation.



LARGE GROUP LESSON

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KEY PASSAGE:

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INTRO:

Over the last six weeks, we've taken the Lord's Prayer apart. Piece by piece we've learned how to pray by the example Jesus set for us. We learned that prayer is communicating with our Creator, with the ruler of the Universe, who wants us to call Him Our Father. We learned that prayer helps us to choose God's will over our own. God has a plan for us, and through prayer, we can discover God's plan and the role He wants us to play in that plan.

Prayer also reminds us of God's provision. When we pray for our daily bread, we are trusting God will provide the things we need for each day's challenges. Prayer also reminds us of God's forgiveness. We use prayer to confess our sins and ask God to forgive us, and we pray for the courage and strength we need to forgive others who have wronged us.

Today as we finish our look at the Lord's Prayer, we're going to look at the final request Jesus makes. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Last week when we talked about forgiveness, we touched on the idea of sin. Sin is the "debts" we owe to God. Sin is anything we do that is in rebellion to God that hurts God or hurts other people. No one wants to sin, but there are moments in our lives when we become tempted to sin. We feel the urge to lie to protect ourselves from getting in trouble. We feel the urge to cheat so that we can do better on an assignment. We hear our friends gossiping and, not wanting to look like we don't belong, we are tempted to join in.

Prayer is a means of communicating with God and growing closer to God. Since God is holy and without sin, if we want to be closer to Him, we need to move away from temptation. We need to pray for God's help to avoid temptation each day so that we can continue building our relationship with Jesus.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

In the book of 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes about the Israelites, a nation of people God chose as His own many centuries before Jesus was born. God promised Israel that if they obeyed Him and turned from sin, He would bless them, but if they chose to rebel against Him, they would suffer. Their struggles serve as a warning to us and a reminder that even though we are tempted, God has made a way for us to escape temptation.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

MAIN POINT:

God rescued the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. He parted the Red Sea to save them from the Egyptian army. He provided food for them in the desert. He had performed many miracles and blessed them. Yet the people struggled with obeying God. God gave them a land of their own with the promise they would live in peace for generations if they only followed and obeyed Him. The people struggled, choosing to worship other gods instead of the One True God, and when they did, they suffered the consequences.

The Israelites are just like us. We are all sinful people with good intentions who still give into temptation and sin every day. But as Paul mentions at the end of this passage, God has made a way for us to escape the eternal punishment for sin. God sent Jesus to die for our sins so we can have eternal life. If we give our hearts to Jesus, we can build a relationship with God, day by day, that will lead us away from temptation. We will never be fully free of temptation until the day we reach Heaven, but through prayer, we can put up a fight and grow closer to the Lord each and every day. God wants us to choose Jesus and to commit ourselves to following Him and turning away from evil.

DRIVE IT HOME:

If you read the Old Testament, you'll discover all the struggles the Israelites had with following God. In spite of all the miracles, in spite of all the blessings, they just couldn't help themselves. One minute they are united under a good king, worshipping the Lord. The next minute they are bowing down to false gods under the rule of a wicked king. God told them there would be consequences for their sin, and when the people chose sin over obedience, they paid a price. But God never gave up on the Israelites. He would always hear when they cried out for forgiveness, and He would always give them another chance.

We have a God who is perfect and holy. He cannot stand sin, but He also could not stand the idea of being separated from us forever. He sacrificed His only Son so that he could forgive the sins of the world. If we give our hearts to Jesus, He will forgive our sins, and He will send His Holy Spirit to live in our hearts so we can have a relationship with Him.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

Prayer is how that relationship with Jesus grows. The more we pray, be it the Lord's Prayer or our own words, the closer we will be with Jesus. We will always face temptation, but we will not always fall. As Paul teaches us, there's always a way out, an escape, and through prayer, we can find that way out if we choose to look.

If you're ready to begin a relationship with God, we want you to come forward today. We want to teach you another prayer that will become your first step to a life with Jesus. It is a prayer in which you will ask God to forgive your sins and begin a relationship with Jesus. It is a prayer to invite the Holy Spirit to live in you so that you can build that relationship day-by-day, prayer-by-prayer.

We have a good and loving God who chose to make a way to save us from sin. He wants to have a relationship with us, and He showed us by the Lord's Prayer, how we can build that relationship. This is your invitation to start that relationship today so that you can turn from sin and get to know a holy and loving God!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Save us from sin, and give us salvation.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Pop quiz: who said a prayer this morning before you ever got to church?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Matthew 6:9-13

See who can recite the new verse from memory. Then see who can also recite the Lord's Prayer.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Pull out a timer, and see who can say the Lord's Prayer, without messing up, the fastest!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Who were the Israelites?

What good things did God do for Israel?

Why did Israel still sin?

Why do we pray to avoid temptation?

How can we have a personal relationship with Jesus?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Teach us to pray every day so we can know you better!

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Why do you think the Israelites struggled so much with sin?

What are some temptations you face every day?

Why is it hard sometimes to do the right thing and escape?

How can we have a relationship with God so we can better resist temptation?

Is anyone ready to give their heart to Jesus today and turn away from sin?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Teach us to pray every day so we can know you better!

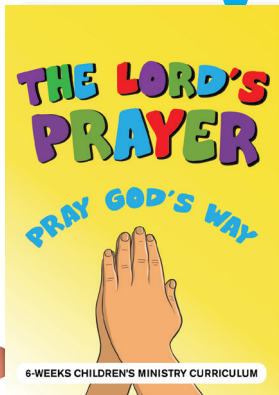
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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. God wants us to call Him _____.
A. King
B. Ruler
C. Father*
2. When we pray we must pray for _____.
A. God to do things our way
B. God's will to be done*
C. God to listen to our plans
3. Daily bread means God will give us everything we need for _____.
A. each day*
B. each week
C. the rest of our lives
4. God wants us to _____.
A. ask forgiveness and forgive others*
B. ask forgiveness but not forgive others
C. forgive others but not ask for forgiveness
5. Only Jesus can _____.
A. lead us away from temptation
B. help us lead a holy life
C. both A and B*



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

The Lord's Prayer Lesson 6

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: TEMPTATION



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids if they say prayers more now than they did at the start of this series. Offer to help them create a quiet place where they can get away and pray in their rooms if they desire. Encourage them to pray daily, and practice the habit yourself.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why do you think the Israelites gave in to temptation so often?
- What did Jesus do to save us from our sins?
- Can you recite the Lord's Prayer, right now?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)



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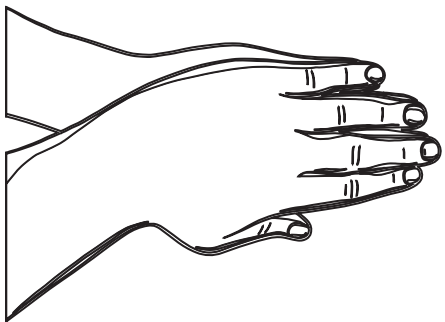
What you need to know:

Prayer can be our lifeline when we are tempted. It can show us the way out. Encourage your kids to pray when they feel tempted, and if they haven't made a decision to accept Jesus already, talk to them about what it means to give your heart to Jesus.

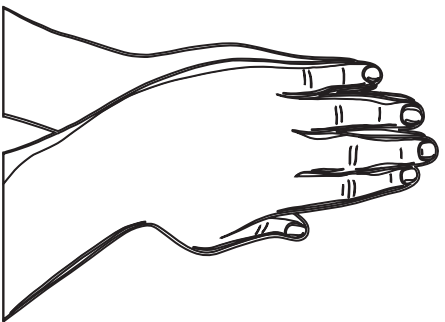
THE LORD'S PRAYER

CRAFT ACTIVITY

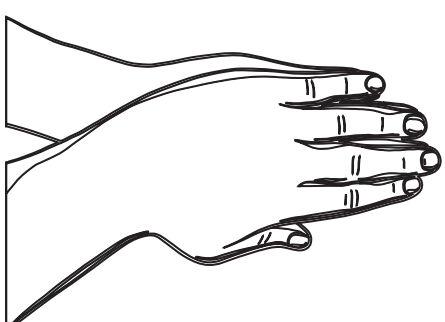
Print the Lord's Prayer in a fancy font on white paper. Give each child a handout with the prayer, and let them color/decorate the page as they desire. They can hang this art up at home to remind themselves of how Jesus taught us to pray and our need for prayer.



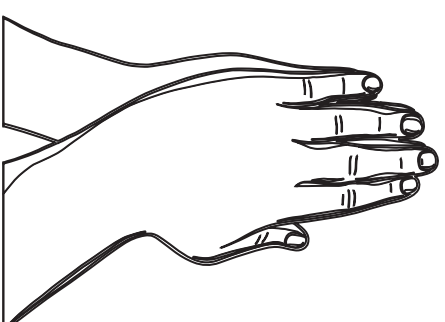
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